

Hyder, and his grandchildren Mubarik, Zehra, Murtaza and Gauhar.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this remarkable individual on his 94th birthday and in wishing him and his family continued health and happiness.

HONORING LANA MCCANTS AS A VETERAN AND AS A PART OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lana McCants for her achievements in the United States Navy for Black History Month. Ms. McCants served from May of 1991 to January of 1997 and earned the rank of Operations Specialist Third Class.

Operations Specialist Third Class McCants trained at the Orlando Naval Training Station and the Virginia Beach Naval Technical Training Facility. She was part of the crew of the USS *Acadia*, the Point Loma Naval Submarine Station, the USS *David R. Ray*, and Operation Desert Storm. I commend her for her service and honor her as a part of the Black History Month Program in Rockford called "Capturing American History: The Unique Perspective of the African-American Female Service Member." I would like to thank Lana McCants for her service and recognize her for her experiences as an African American female service-member. She has shown true commitment, leadership and determination throughout her time in the Navy.

It is because of community leaders like Lana that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Lana McCants for her service in the United States Navy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I regrettably missed Roll Call Vote 37 on February 5, 2020. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 2382, USPS Fairness Act, and, had I been present and voting, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call 37.

HONORING ABDULLAH EL-AMIN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Imam Abdullah El-Amin's commitment to community service.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Abdullah El-Amin moved to Detroit, Michigan at the age of 7. His interest in the sciences led him to Shaw College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry and worked for twenty years as a medical technologist at various laboratories.

Abdullah El-Amin was called to pursue a more spiritual path. In 1983, Imam Abdullah, along with other members of the community, founded the Muslim Center of Detroit. It was incorporated in 1985. The mosque was formed primarily as a place for worship and as an outreach center to bring people from different religious backgrounds together. Imam Abdullah has always been passionate in his belief that interfaith dialogue creates stronger and more meaningful relationships across cultures.

Imam El-Amin is known for his ability to create connections across communities, and he has served as a delegate for projects internationally. Imam El-Amin also co-founded and served as the Executive Director of the Michigan Muslim Community Council (formerly, the Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan). His work there allowed him to forge many relationships and friendships with the broader Muslim community. In addition, he founded Crescent Janazah Services after seeing the need for quality end-of-life-care in the Metro-Detroit area, where he fostered the assistance of hundreds, if not thousands of families in their time of need. In addition to his spiritual and charitable work, Imam El-Amin is passionate about civic engagement. He served former mayor Dennis Archer as manager of the Neighborhood City Hall.

Imam El-Amin is foremost a family man. He was married to the love of his life, Dr. Cheryl El-Amin who he misses terribly. They are the parents of three children, Maurice, a high school principal; Zarinah, anthropologist and cultural entrepreneur; and Idris, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Please join me in saluting Imam El-Amin, as we recognize his many contributions to the spiritual and civic life of Detroit.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the National Children's Museum Act, which would require the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) to enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Children's Museum (NCM) to allow NCM to remain in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, a federally owned building, without charge. My bill would allow the newly redesigned NCM, the nation's first combination children's museum and science center, to remain centrally located in the nation's capital for the benefit of all.

Originally named the Capital Children's Museum, NCM was a staple in the District of Columbia for decades. The institution opened in 1974 in a former convent on H Street Northeast. In 2003, Congress recognized the immense value in having a children's museum in the District and officially designated the museum the National Children's Museum. By 2004, NCM had outgrown its home on H Street, but had difficulty securing a new location. Since 2015 NCM's presence has been digital, serving D.C. public school students and public libraries online.

Now located in its new home in the Ronald Reagan Building at 1300 Pennsylvania Ave-

nue NW, NCM is poised to bring new and innovative STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) exhibits to the nation's capital, building on more than 30 years of educating D.C. children and families.

Despite its many benefits it brings to the nation's capital, NCM remains an outlier in terms of upkeep and maintenance. NCM is the only congressionally designated museum expected to pay rent in a federal building. This bill would allow NCM to remain in its current federal location without payment of rent, allowing staff to focus on bringing 21st century STEAM learning techniques to the nation's capital.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I was absent February 12–13, 2020 due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call No. 60 YEA; Roll Call No. 61 NO; Roll Call No. 62 NO; Roll Call No. 63 YEA; Roll Call No. 64 NO; Roll Call No. 65 NO; Roll Call No. 66 YEA; Roll Call No. 67 NO; Roll Call No. 68 NO; Roll Call No. 69 YEA; and Roll Call No. 70 YEA.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF LOIS WARREN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Lois Warren, a Detroit native, for her legacy of tenacity and spirit.

Ms. Warren valued hard work and it was evident in her everyday life. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in English and Social Work, a Master's Degree in Psychology and Social Work, and was among the first African-American women to earn a Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy. Ms. Warren enjoyed a wide-ranging career that included leadership roles as head of the Psychiatric Social Work Department of the former Herman Keifer Hospital in Detroit, and Executive Director of the Intake Division of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

More importantly, Ms. Warren was an advocate for civil rights and the visually impaired. Ms. Warren's own daughter, who lives with visual impairment, was the inspiration behind her relentless advocacy. She also played a key role in the wider distribution of large-print materials, such as menus, and for improved visual markers on large glass doors. Furthermore, she fought against women's wage inequities in her daily work, calling out unfair pay for work performed.

Please join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Lois Warren, a truly exemplary person.

RECOGNIZING BRAD GORDON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my dear and longtime friend Brad Gordon on the occasion of his retirement, concluding a career of dedicated public service and advocacy spanning more than 40 years.

Brad Gordon has personified excellence throughout his career. He graduated cum laude and with Honors in Politics from Brandeis University in 1971. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Vermont, a Master of Philosophy from Columbia University, and a Certificate from their Middle East Institute. While at Columbia, Brad was a National Defense Foreign Language Fellow in Arabic, while also serving as a Research Assistant. By 1979 he had begun his career in public service, working for the Central Intelligence Agency as a Political Analyst in the Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis.

Brad spent 6 years at the CIA before he transitioned to a legislative role as both a foreign policy advisor for Senator Rudy Boschwitz (R-MN), and as a professional staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where I had the privilege of also serving.

Based on his wealth of foreign policy knowledge and experience, Brad was appointed the

Assistant Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency for Nonproliferation Policy. During his tenure, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Fourth Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in Geneva. He was responsible for issues related to the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons.

In 1993, Brad became the Staff Director of the International Operations Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he helped oversee the operations of the State Department, the Agency for International Development, the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the U.S. Information Agency.

In 1995, Brad started working on constituent and issue advocacy as the Legislative Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). He went on to serve as the Director of Policy and Government Affairs and eventually as the Director for Strategic Policy at AIPAC. Throughout his career, Brad was an asset to all those around him. His intelligence, veracity, unflagging work ethic, persistence, and quality of character are unquestionable.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating my friend, Brad Gordon on his retirement and in wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING MILANA HERMAN AS A VETERAN AND AS A PART OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Milana Herman for her achievements in the United States Army for Black History Month. Ms. Herman served in the Active Army from 1989 to 1994 and the Army Reserve from 1994 to 1997 and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Staff Sergeant Herman served as part of the HHC 440th Signal Battalion in Germany, the HHC 4th Battalion 58th Aviation regiment in South Korea, and the HHC 25th Signal Brigade Battalion in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina during her time in the Active Army. She served in the 335th Company 4th Brigade, 85 Division in the Army Reserves. I commend her for her service and honor her as a part of the Black History Month Program in Rockford called "Capturing American History: The Unique Perspective of the African American Female Service Member." I would like to thank Milana Herman for her service and recognize her for her experiences as an African American female servicemember. Her bravery, strength and patriotism are admirable.

It is because of community leaders like Milana that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Milana Herman for her service in the United States Army.